

SUPERIOR COURT
State of Delaware

2007 Annual Report Statistical Information

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Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2006-2007 - Civil Case Filings				
	2006	2007	Change	% Change
New Castle County	8,482	9,823	1341	15.8%
Kent County	1,347	1,633	286	21.2%
Sussex County	1,212	1,413	201	16.6%
State	11,041	12,869	1828	16.6%

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2006-2007 - Civil Case Dispositions				
	2006	2007	Change	% Change
New Castle County	8,047	9,646	1599	19.9%
Kent County	1,272	1,363	91	7.2%
Sussex County	1,246	1,299	53	4.3%
State	10,565	12,308	1743	16.5%

Source: Prothonotary's Offices, Superior Court; Administrative Office of the Courts

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Caseload Breakdowns Fiscal Year 2007 - Civil Case Filings											
	Mechanic's Liens						Involuntary		Miscellaneous		Total
	Complaints		and Mortgages		Appeals		Commitments				
New Castle County	4,254	43.3%	2,034	20.7%	115	1.2%	1,195	12.2%	2,225	22.7%	9,823
Kent County	582	35.6%	504	30.9%	58	3.6%	116	7.1%	373	22.8%	1,633
Sussex County	377	26.7%	568	40.2%	38	2.7%	0	0.0%	430	30.4%	1,413
State	5,213	40.5%	3,106	24.1%	211	1.6%	1,311	10.2%	3,028	23.5%	12,869

Caseload Breakdowns Fiscal Year 2007 - Civil Case Dispositions											
	Mechanic's Liens						Involuntary				Total
	Complaints		and Mortgages		Appeals		Commitments		Miscellaneous		
New Castle County	4,681	48.5%	1,744	18.1%	119	1.2%	1,049	10.9%	2,053	21.3%	9,646
Kent County	580	42.6%	347	25.5%	50	3.7%	94	6.9%	292	21.4%	1,363
Sussex County	397	30.6%	472	36.3%	31	2.4%	4	0.3%	395	30.4%	1,299
State	5,658	46.0%	2,563	20.8%	200	1.6%	1,147	9.3%	2,740	22.3%	12,308

Source: Prothonotary's Offices, Superior Court; Administrative Office of the Courts

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Types of Dispositions Fiscal Year 2007 - Civil Complaints																			
Trial Dispositions					Non-Trial Dispositions														
Judgment for Plaintiff		Judgment for Defendant			Default Judgment for Plaintiff *		Other Judgment for Plaintiff		Judgment for Defendant		Voluntary Dismissal		Court Dismissal		Other		Total		
New Castle County	40	0.9%	27	0.6%	114	2.4%	4	0.1%	3	0.1%	2,042	43.6%	1,887	40.3%	564	12.0%	4,681		
Kent County	7	1.2%	5	0.9%	17	2.9%	16	2.8%	0	0.0%	440	75.9%	50	8.6%	45	7.8%	580		
Sussex County	13	3.3%	7	1.8%	27	6.8%	18	4.5%	0	0.0%	239	60.2%	43	10.8%	50	12.6%	397		
State	60	1.1%	39	0.7%	158	2.8%	38	0.7%	3	0.1%	2,721	48.1%	1,980	35.0%	659	11.6%	5,658		

Types of Dispositions Fiscal Year 2007 - Mechanic's Liens and Mortgages																			
Trial Dispositions					Non-Trial Dispositions														
Judgment for Plaintiff		Judgment for Defendant			Default Judgment for Plaintiff		Other Judgment for Plaintiff		Judgment for Defendant		Voluntary Dismissal		Court Dismissal		Other		Total		
New Castle County	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	931	53.4%	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	617	35.4%	177	10.1%	18	1.0%	1,744		
Kent County	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	213	61.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	122	35.2%	12	3.5%	0	0.0%	347		
Sussex County	2	0.4%	1	0.2%	266	56.4%	4	0.8%	0	0.0%	169	35.8%	20	4.2%	10	2.1%	472		
State	2	0.1%	1	0.0%	1,410	55.0%	5	0.2%	0	0.0%	908	35.4%	209	8.2%	28	1.1%	2,563		

Types of Dispositions Fiscal Year 2007 - Civil Appeals															
		Affirmed		Reversed		Remanded		Voluntary Dismissal		Court Dismissal		Other		Total	
New Castle County	40	33.6%	6	5.0%	12	10.1%	23	19.3%	36	30.3%	2	1.7%	119		
Kent County	27	54.0%	2	4.0%	2	4.0%	5	10.0%	13	26.0%	1	2.0%	50		
Sussex County	9	29.0%	4	12.9%	0	0.0%	9	29.0%	7	22.6%	2	6.5%	31		
State	76	38.0%	12	6.0%	14	7.0%	37	18.5%	56	28.0%	5	2.5%	200		

Source: Prothonotary's Offices, Superior Court; Administrative Office of the Courts

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Trial Activity Fiscal Year 2007 - Civil Trials						
	Number of Jury Trials	Number of Non-Jury Trials	Number of Special Jury Trials	Total Number of Trials	Trial Time*	Average Trial Time
New Castle County	89	18	0	107	353 days	3.30 days
Kent County	12	0	0	12	49 days	4.08 days
Sussex County	11	17	0	28	43.5 days	1.55 days
State	112	35	0	147	445.5 days	3.03 days

Calendar Activity Fiscal Year 2007 - Civil Cases										
	Cases Tried		Cases Settled or Dismissed		Cases Continued for Settlement		Cases Continued Due to Lack of Judge		Cases Continued at Request of Attorney	Total Cases Scheduled
New Castle County	107	10.2%	706	67.0%	41	3.9%	5	0.5%	195	18.5%
Kent County	12	3.8%	190	60.1%	15	4.7%	6	1.9%	93	29.4%
Sussex County	28	9.5%	203	68.6%	0	0.0%	1	0.3%	64	21.6%
State	147	8.8%	1099	66.0%	56	3.4%	12	0.7%	352	21.1 %

Performance Summary Fiscal Year 2007 - Civil Cases							
COMPLAINTS		MECHANIC'S LIENS AND MORTGAGES				APPEALS	
	Number of Dispositions	Average Time from Filing to Disposition		Number of Dispositions	Average Time from Filing to Disposition		Average Time from Filing to Disposition
New Castle County	4,681	1576.2 days		1,744	160.8 days		266.6 days
Kent County	580	398.0 days		347	164.5 days		255.7 days
Sussex County	397	328.9 days		472	134.9 days		240.7 days
State	5,658	1367.9 days		2,563	156.5 days		259.8 days
INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENTS		MISCELLANEOUS				TOTAL	
	Number of Dispositions	Average Time from Filing to Disposition		Number of Dispositions	Average Time from Filing to Disposition		Average Time From Filing to Disposition
New Castle County	1,049	96.1 days		2,053	55.1 days		819.4 days
Kent County	94	233.7 days		292	84.6 days		254.9 days
Sussex County	4	2,244.8 days		395	54.6 days		178.8 days
State	1,147	114.9 days		2,740	58.2 days		689.3 days

* Trial time is the total time spent in all trials

Source: Prothonotary's Offices, Superior Court; Administrative Office of the Courts

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Performance Breakdowns Fiscal Year 2007 - Civil Complaints - Method of Disposition											
	Trial		Arbitrator's Order		Default Judgment		Voluntary Dismissal		Other		Total
New Castle County	67	1.4%	513	11.0%	114	2.4%	2,042	43.6%	1,945	41.6%	4,681
Kent County	12	2.1%	33	5.7%	17	2.9%	440	75.5%	81	13.9%	583
Sussex County	20	5.0%	38	9.6%	27	6.8%	239	60.2%	73	18.4%	397
State	99	1.7%	584	10.3%	158	2.8%	2,721	48.1%	2099	37.1%	5,661

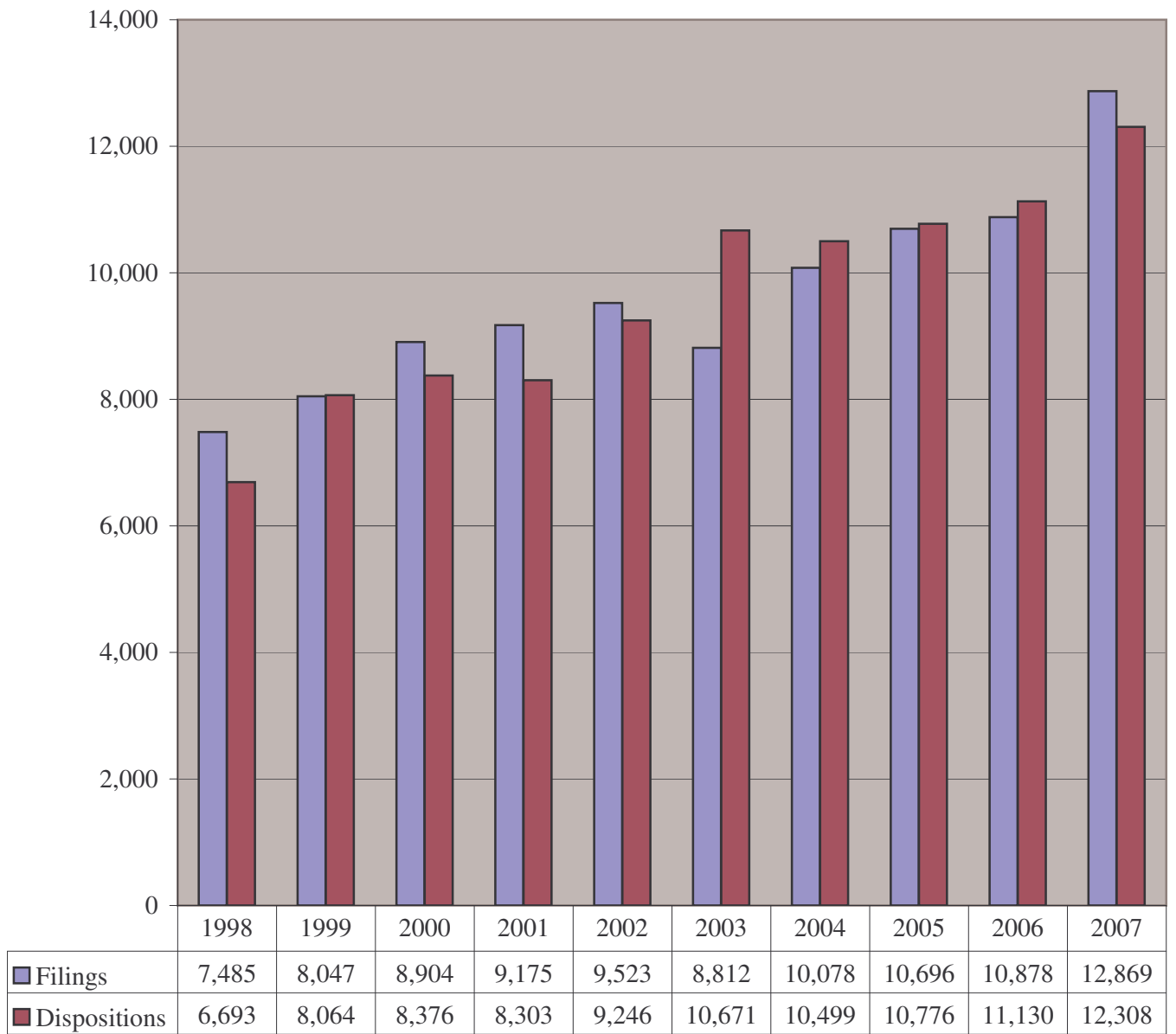
Performance Breakdowns Fiscal Year 2007 - Civil Complaints - Elapsed Time						
Average Time From Filing to Disposition						
	Trial	Arbitrator's Order	Default Judgment	Voluntary Dismissal	Other	Total
New Castle County	852.0 days	333.0 days	214.5 days	415.5 days	3227.4 days	1576.2 days
Kent County	947.3 days	310.0 days	215.9 days	387.7 days	431.1 days	398.0 days
Sussex County	477.8 days	293.5 days	145.6 days	347.9 days	312.0 days	328.9 days
State	759.0 days	312.2 days	192.0 days	383.7 days	1323.5 days	767.7 days

Performance Breakdowns Fiscal Year 2007 - Mechanic's Liens and Mortgages - Method of Disposition											
	Trial		Arbitrator's Order		Default Judgment		Voluntary Dismissal		Other		Total
New Castle County	0	0.0%	2	0.1%	931	53.4%	617	35.4%	194	11.1%	1,744
Kent County	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	213	61.4%	122	35.2%	12	3.5%	347
Sussex County	3	0.6%	1	0.2%	266	56.4%	169	35.8%	33	7.0%	472
State	3	0.1%	3	0.1%	1,410	55.0%	908	35.4%	239	9.3%	2,563

Performance Breakdowns Fiscal Year 2007 - Mechanic's Liens and Mortgages - Elapsed Time						
Average Time From Filing to Disposition						
	Trial	Arbitrator's Order	Default Judgment	Voluntary Dismissal	Other	Total
New Castle County	0.0 days	401.0 days	97.8 days	147.4 days	503.2 days	160.8 days
Kent County	0.0 days	0.0 days	135.3 days	167.1 days	655.8 days	164.5 days
Sussex County	658.3 days	294.0 days	86.1 days	177.4 days	258.6 days	134.9 days
State	658.3 days	365.3 days	101.2 days	155.6 days	477.1 days	156.5 days

Source: Prothonotary's Offices, Superior Court; Administrative Office of the Courts

Superior Court Civil 10 Year Caseload Trend



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Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2006-2007 - Civil Rule 16.1 ADR Filings

	2006	2007	Change	% Change
New Castle County	2,786	2,761	-25	-0.9%
Kent County	427	424	-3	-0.7%
Sussex County	263	268	5	1.9%
State	3,476	3,453	-23	-0.7%

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2006-2007 - Civil Rule 16.1 ADR Dispositions

	2006	2007	Change	% Change
New Castle County	2,744	2,713	-31	-1.1%
Kent County	473	448	-25	-5.3%
Sussex County	327	273	-54	-16.5%
State	3,544	3,434	-110	-3.1%

Source: ADR Unit, Superior Court

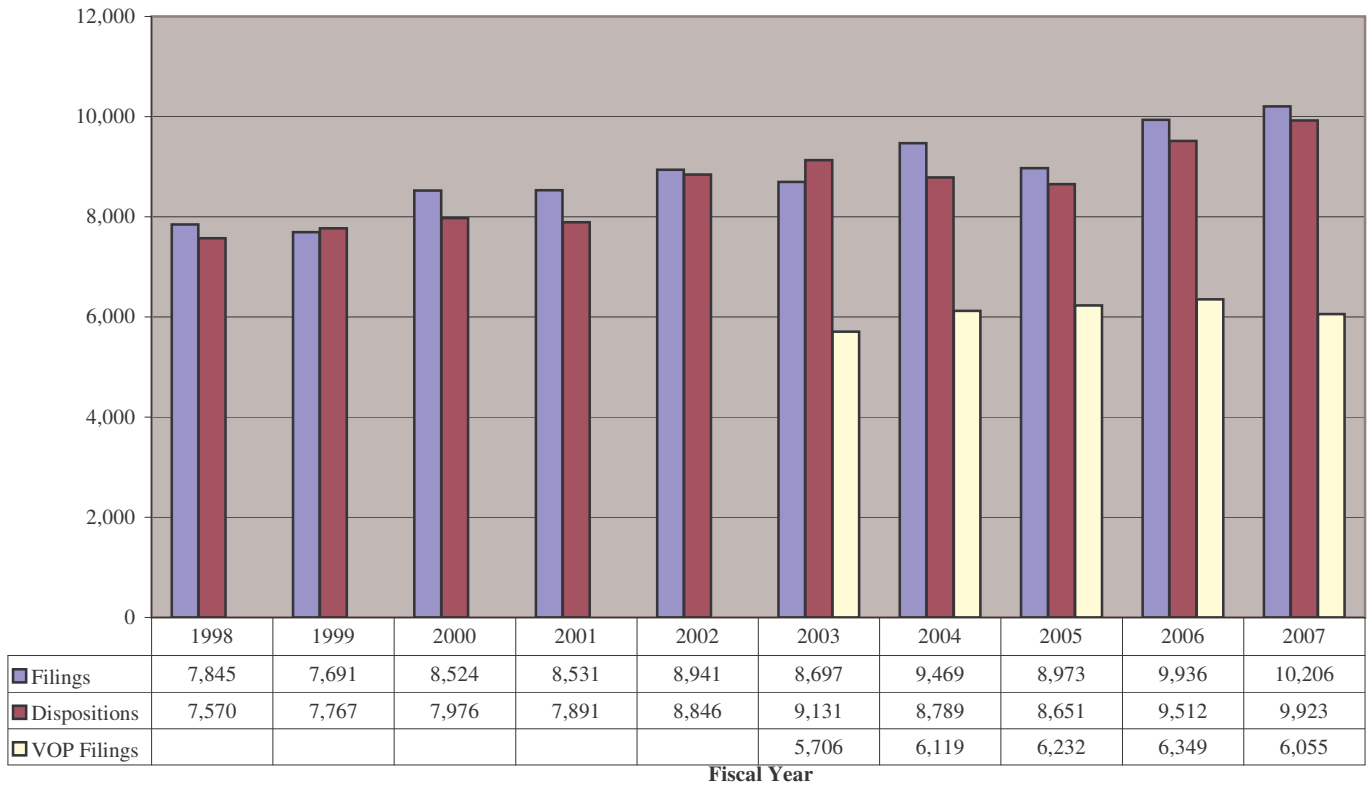
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Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2006-2007 - Criminal Case Filings				
	2006	2007	Change	% Change
New Castle County	5,506	5,718	212	3.9%
Kent County	2,413	2,258	-155	-6.4%
Sussex County	2,017	2,230	213	10.6%
State	9,936	10,206	270	2.7%

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2006-2007 - Criminal Case Dispositions				
	2006	2007	Change	% Change
New Castle County	5,280	5,711	431	8.2%
Kent County	2,324	2,211	-113	-4.9%
Sussex County	1,908	2,001	93	4.9%
State	9,512	9,923	411	4.3%

Source: Court Administrator and Case Scheduling Office, Superior Court; Administrative Office of the Courts

Superior Court Criminal 10-Year Caseload Trend



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Caseload Breakdowns - Fiscal Year 2007 - Criminal Filings									
	Indictment		Rule 9 Warrant		Information		Other*		Total
New Castle County	5,092	89.1%	472	8.3%	143	2.5%	11	0.2%	5,718
Kent County	2,070	91.7%	80	3.5%	103	4.6%	5	0.2%	2,258
Sussex County	737	33.0%	351	15.7%	1,142	51.2%	0	0.0%	2,230
State	7,899	77.4%	903	8.8%	1,388	13.6%	16	0.2%	10,206

Caseload Breakdowns - Fiscal Year 2007 - Criminal Dispositions									
	Trial		Guilty Plea		Nolle Prosequi		Remand/Transfer		ADRR***
New Castle County	179	3.1%	3,684	64.5%	756	13.2%	6	0.1%	0
Kent County	37	1.7%	1,501	67.9%	301	13.6%	28	1.3%	0
Sussex County	38	1.9%	1,416	70.8%	268	13.4%	40	2.0%	1
State	254	2.6%	6,601	66.5%	1,325	13.4%	74	0.7%	1

Caseload Breakdowns - Fiscal Year 2007 - Criminal Dispositions (cont.)									
	Dismissal		FOP/Drug Court**		Consolidation				Total
New Castle County	330	5.8%	531	9.3%	225	3.9%			5,711
Kent County	76	3.4%	159	7.2%	109	4.9%			2,211
Sussex County	16	0.8%	54	2.7%	168	8.4%			2,001
State	422	4.3%	744	7.5%	502	5.1%			9,923

* Includes appeals, transfers, reinstatements and severances.

** FOP = First Offender Program

*** ADRR = Appeal Dismissed Record Remanded

Source: Court Administrator and Case Scheduling Office, Superior Court; Administrative Office of the Courts

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Types of Dispositions Fiscal Year 2007 - Criminal Trials - Part One								
	Jury Trial			Non-Jury Trial			Total	
New Castle County	188	88.3%		25	11.7%		213	100.0%
Kent County	35	94.6%		2	5.4%		37	100.0%
Sussex County	34	89.5%		4	10.5%		38	100.0%
State	257	89.2%		31	10.8%		288	100.0%
	Guilty		Not Guilty*		No Final Disposition**		Total	
New Castle County	134	62.9%	45	21.1%	34	16.0%	213	100.0%
Kent County	26	70.3%	5	13.5%	6	16.2%	37	100.0%
Sussex County	1	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	100.0%
State	161	64.1%	50	19.9%	40	15.9%	251	100.0%

Types of Dispositions Fiscal Year 2007 - Criminal Trials - Part Two								
Jury Trial								
	Guilty	Guilty LIO***	Not Guilty	Pled Guilty At Trial	Nol Pros/Dismissed at Trial	Mistrial	Hung Jury	Total
New Castle County	89	15	34	7	9	8	26	188
Kent County	13	6	2	6	2	6	0	35
Sussex County	19	5	4	3	2	1	0	34
State	121	26	40	16	13	15	26	257
Non-Jury Trial								
	Guilty	Guilty LIO***	Not Guilty	Pled Guilty	Nol Pros/Dismissed at Trial	Mistrial		Total
New Castle County	16	5	1	2	1	0		25
Kent County	1	0	1	0	0	0		2
Sussex County	3	1	0	0	0	0		4
State	20	6	2	2	1	0		31
All Trials								
	Guilty	Guilty LIO***	Not Guilty	Pled Guilty at Trial	Nol Pros/Dismissed at Trial	Mistrial	Hung Jury	Total
New Castle County	105	20	35	9	10	8	26	213
Kent County	14	6	3	6	2	6	0	37
Sussex County	22	6	4	3	2	1	0	38
State	141	32	42	18	14	15	26	288

Types of Dispositions Fiscal Year 2007 - Criminal Nolle Prosequis						
	Nolle Prosequis By Special Condition		Nolle Prosequis By Merit		Total	
New Castle County	268	35.4%	488	64.6%	756	100.0%
Kent County	217	72.1%	84	27.9%	301	100.0%
Sussex County	78	29.1%	190	70.9%	268	100.0%
State	563	42.5%	762	57.5%	1,325	100.0%

*Includes Dismissals at Trial and Nolle Prosequis at Trial

**Hung Juries, Mistrials, and Reserved Decisions

***LIO = Lesser Included Offense

Nol Pros = Nolle Prosequi

Source: Court Administrator and Case Scheduling Office, Superior Court; Administrative Office of the Courts

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Types of Dispositions Fiscal Year 2007 - Criminal Felony Guilty Pleas						
	Pled Guilty Original		Pled Guilty Lesser		Total	
New Castle County	2,026	90.3%	217	9.7%	2,243	100.0%
Kent County	881	87.8%	122	12.2%	1,003	100.0%
Sussex County	840	85.0%	148	15.0%	988	100.0%
State	3,747	88.5%	487	11.5%	4,234	100.0%

Types of Dispositions Fiscal Year 2007 - Criminal Misdemeanor Guilty Pleas						
	Pled Guilty Original		Pled Guilty Lesser		Total	
New Castle County	732	50.8%	709	49.2%	1,441	100.0%
Kent County	232	46.6%	266	53.4%	498	100.0%
Sussex County	323	75.5%	105	24.5%	428	100.0%
State	1,287	54.4%	1,080	45.6%	2,367	100.0%

Types of Dispositions Fiscal Year 2007 - Criminal Total Guilty Pleas						
	Pled Guilty Original		Pled Guilty Lesser		Total	
New Castle County	2,758	74.9%	926	25.1%	3,684	100.0%
Kent County	1,113	74.2%	388	25.8%	1,501	100.0%
Sussex County	1,163	82.1%	253	17.9%	1,416	100.0%
State	5,034	76.3%	1,567	23.7%	6,601	100.0%

Source: Court Administrator and Case Scheduling Office, Superior Court; Administrative Office of the Courts

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Performance Summary Fiscal Year 2007 - Criminal Cases - Elapsed Time			
	Total Number of Cases Disposed of	Average Time from Arrest to Disposition	Average Time from Indictment to Disposition
New Castle County	5,711	159.2 days	110.0 days
Kent County	2,211	145.8 days	103.7 days
Sussex County	2,001	128.9 days	89.4 days
State	9,923	144.6 days	101.0 days

Performance Summary Fiscal Year 2007 - Criminal Cases - Compliance With Speedy Trial Standards							
	Total Number of Cases Disposed of	Disposed of within 120 Days of Indictment (90%)		Disposed of within 180 Days of Indictment (98%)		Disposed of within 365 Days of Indictment (100%)	
New Castle County	5,711	3,745	65.6%	5,051	88.4%	5,588	97.8%
Kent County	2,211	1,574	71.2%	1,915	86.6%	2,177	98.5%
Sussex County	2,001	1,631	81.5%	1,866	93.3%	1,997	99.8%
State	9,923	6,950	70.0%	8,832	89.0%	9,762	98.4%

Criminal Cases Performance Explanatory Notes Fiscal Year Criminal Cases Performance Explanatory Notes Fiscal Year

- The performance summary charts measure the average time from the date of arrest to the date of disposition as well as the average time from the date of indictment/information to the date of disposition.
- In measuring the elapsed time for defendants for the purpose of determining the rate of compliance with the speedy trial standards, the following are excluded by the Court:
 - For all capiases, the time between the date that the capias is issued and the date that it is executed.
 - For all Rule 9 summonses and Rule 9 warrants, the time between the arrest and the indictment/information, if any.
 - For all nolle prosequis, the time between the scheduled trial date and the actual filing date of the nolle prosequis.
 - For all mental examinations, the time between the date that the examination is ordered and the date of the receipt of the results.
 - For all defendants deemed to be incompetent, the period in which the defendant is considered incompetent.

Source: Court Administrator and Case Scheduling Offices, Superior Court; Administrative Office of the Courts

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Performance Comparison - Fiscal Years 2006-2007 - Criminal Cases				
Average Time From Arrest to Disposition				
	2006	2007	Change	% Change
New Castle County	159.0 days	159.2 days	0.2 days	0.1%
Kent County	143.5 days	145.8 days	2.3 days	1.6%
Sussex County	116.7 days	128.9 days	12.2 days	10.5%
State	139.8 days	144.6 days	4.8 days	3.4%

Performance Comparison - Fiscal Years 2006-2007 - Criminal Cases				
Average Time From Indictment to Disposition				
	2006	2007	Change	% Change
New Castle County	119.4 days	110.0 days	-9.4 days	-7.9%
Kent County	95.3 days	103.7 days	8.4 days	8.8%
Sussex County	72.4 days	89.4 days	17.0 days	23.5%
State	95.7 days	101.0 days	5.3 days	5.5%

Source: Court Administrator and Case Scheduling Offices, Superior Court; Administrative Office of the Courts

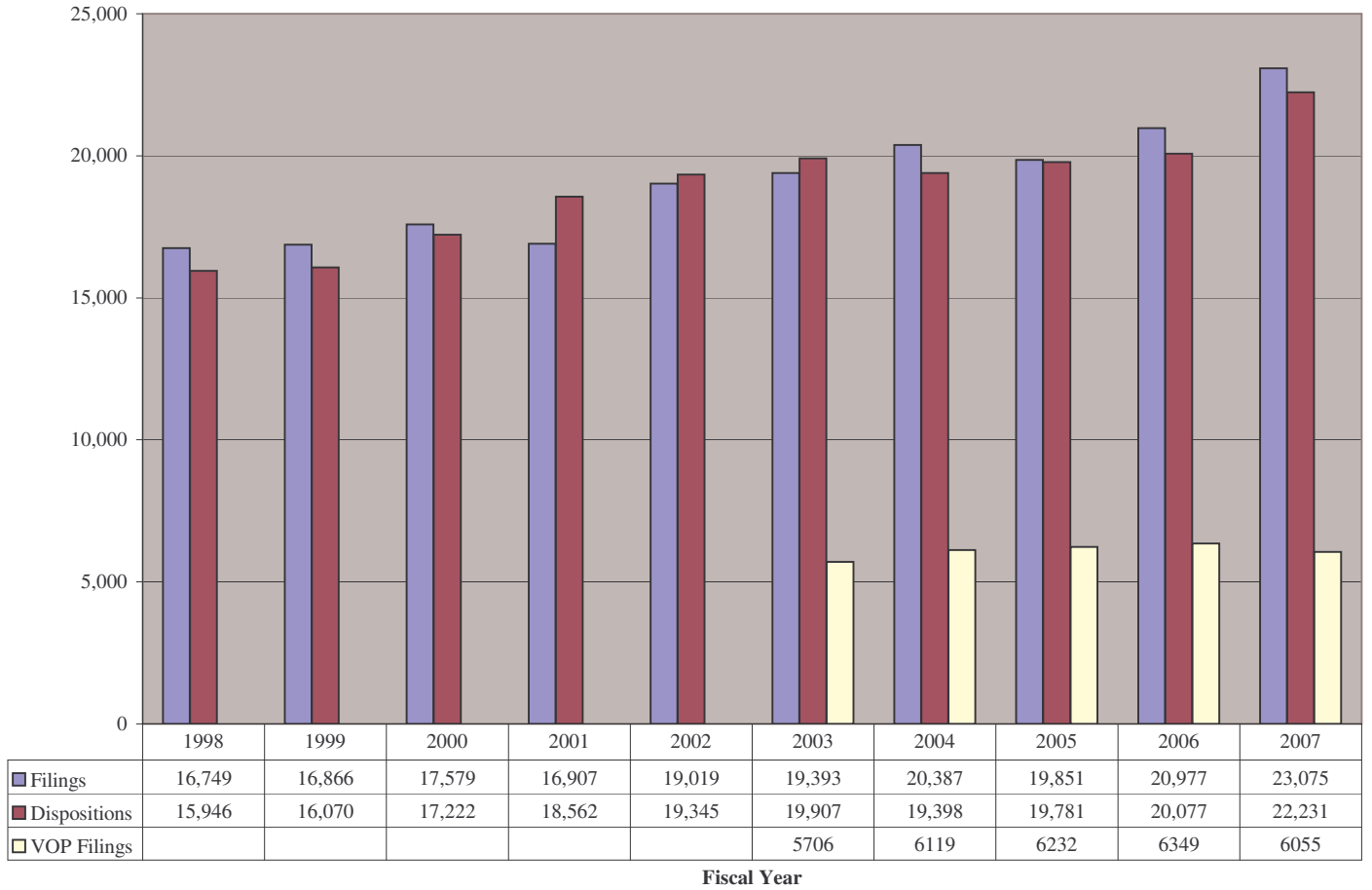
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Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2006-2007 - Total Case Filings				
	2006	2007	Change	% Change
New Castle County	13,988	15,541	1553	11.1%
Kent County	3,760	3,891	131	3.5%
Sussex County	3,229	3,643	414	12.8%
State	20,977	23,075	2098	10.0%

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2006-2007 - Total Case Dispositions				
	2006	2007	Change	% Change
New Castle County	13,327	15,357	2030	15.2%
Kent County	3,596	3,574	-22	-0.6%
Sussex County	3,154	3,300	146	4.6%
State	20,077	22,231	2154	10.7%

Source: Court Administrator, Prothonotaries Offices, and Case Scheduling Offices, Superior Court; Administrative Office of the Courts

Superior Court Total 10-Year Caseload Trend



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